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Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, Suite 222  
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RE: Comments on Docket 92-235

This is to express a concern about the impact FCC Docket 92-235 would have on the radio users in our county. As the Docket is now stated, it would have serious and costly effects on our rural county emergency and day-to-day radio systems. This is based on our evaluation of it's impact here in Grant County in the State of Oregon.

1. Being a rural, mountainous county of 4,532 sq. miles, we find that at present power levels, we are inadequately covered. The implementation of this plan would make it virtually impossible to have any kind of radio coverage for our emergency or county services.

2. The time table for implementation of this plan is absolutely unrealistic, considering the fact it will require major changes to a radio system that is already undermanned and underfunded at the present time.

3. Our county emergency radio system relies on a plan that includes the use of a mutual aid agreement between ourselves and other agencies that have radio resources. This proposal would make these needed resources unavailable to us as it would create excess burdens on these agencies radio equipment.

4. The use of radios and repeaters is the only source of communication for some of our outlying people and towns. The loss of transmitting power would mean the loss of communication to these remote areas.

5. This reduction in bandwidth and power will require additional equipment; however, all additional equipment will have to meet the new requirements for bandwidth which will mean replacing all existing equipment because existing equipment is not compatible with the proposed bandwidth requirements.

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6. Grant County, with a population of only 7,853 to serve, combined with the decline in it's chief industry, timber, makes for severe